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AMENDED CLAIMS

We claim:

1. (cancelled) [A method for annotating documents displayed on a computer system comprising:

displaying a document on a display screen;

invoking an annotation program such that an annotation field and the document are displayed simultaneously on the display screen; and

allowing a user of the annotation program to copy portions of material from the document to the annotation field.]
2. (cancelled) [The method of claim 1 further comprising allowing the user to enter user-defined information into the annotation field.]
3. (cancelled) [The method of claim 2 wherein the user-defined information is user notes.]
4. (cancelled) [The method of claim 1 wherein the document is a word-processor based document.]
5. (cancelled) [The method of claim 1 wherein the document is a desktop-based-application document.]
6. (cancelled) [The method of claim 1 wherein the document is a portion of an Internet site.]
7. (cancelled) [The method of claim 2 further comprising providing the user with the

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option of editing the information contained in the annotation field.]

8. (cancelled) [The method of claim 2 further comprising providing the user with the option of saving the information in the annotation field.]

9. (cancelled) [The method of claim 8 further comprising providing the user with the option of printing the information contained in the annotation field.]

10. (cancelled) [The method of claim 9 further comprising generating a summary of the information contained in the annotation field.]

11. (cancelled) [The method of claim 9 further comprising generating a summary of the information contained in a user-defined manner.]

12. (cancelled) [The method of claim 10 wherein the generating further comprises arranging the summary information sequentially.]

13. (cancelled) [The method of claim 10 wherein the generating further comprises providing a reference to the portion of the document that the summary information refers to.]

14. (cancelled) [The method of claim 1 further comprising:

storing the notes of a plurality of users; and

allowing each user of the plurality of users to search the notes of the other

users of the plurality of users, wherein the notes of the plurality of other users

were entered by each user of the plurality of users in an annotation field

simultaneously displayed with a document.]

15. (cancelled) [The method defined in claim 14 wherein storing the notes of a plurality

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of users comprises storing the notes on a server.]

16. (cancelled) [The method defined in claim 14 wherein storing the notes of a plurality of users comprises storing the each user's notes at that user's location.]

17. (cancelled) [The method defined in claim 14 wherein allowing each user of the plurality of users to search the notes of the other users of the plurality of users comprises allowing each user to search the notes using a web browser.]

18. (cancelled) [A document annotation system implemented on a computer having a display screen configured to:

display a document on the display screen;

invoke an annotation program such that an annotation field and the document are displayed simultaneously on the display screen; and

allow a user of the annotation program to copy portions of material from the document to the annotation field.]

19. (cancelled) [The system of claim 18 further configured to allow the user to enter user-defined information into the annotation field.]

20. (cancelled) [The system of claim 19 wherein the user-defined information is user notes.]

21. (cancelled) [The system of claim 19 wherein the document is a word processor based document.]

22. (cancelled) [The system of claim 18 wherein the document is a portion of an Internet

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site.]

23. (cancelled) [The system of claim 19 further configured to provide the user with the option of editing the information contained in the annotation field.]

24. (cancelled) [The system of claim 19 further configured to provide the user with the option of saving the information in the annotation field.]

25. (cancelled) [The system of claim 24 further configured to provide the user with the option of printing the information contained in the annotation field.]

26. (cancelled) [The system of claim 25 further configured to generate a summary of the information contained in the annotation field.]

27. (cancelled) [The system of claim 25 further configured to arrange the summary information sequentially.]

28. (cancelled) [The system of claim 27 further configured to provide a reference to the portion of the document that the summary information refers to.]

29. (cancelled) [The system of claim 18 further configured to:
store annotations of a plurality of users, wherein the notes of the plurality of others users were entered by each user of the plurality of users in an annotation field simultaneously displayed with a document; and

allow the user to search the annotations of the plurality of users.]

30. (cancelled) [The system defined in claim 29 further configured to store the annotations on a server.]

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31. (cancelled) [The system defined in claim 29 further configured to store each user's annotations at that user's location.]

32. (cancelled) [The system defined in claim 29 further configured to allow each user to search the annotations using a web browser.]

33. (cancelled) [A method for allowing users to annotate electronic documents comprising:

allowing a user to annotate an electronic document;

storing the annotation; and

allowing the user to search the annotations of a plurality of other users.]

34. (cancelled) [The method defined in claim 33 wherein storing the annotation comprises storing the annotations on a server.]

35. (cancelled) [The method defined in claim 33 wherein storing the annotation comprises storing the annotation at the user's location.]

36. (cancelled) [The method defined in claim 33 wherein:
the electronic document is a web page; and
allowing the user to search the annotations of the plurality of users comprises allowing the user to search the annotations using a web browser.]

37. (cancelled) [The method defined in claim 33 wherein:
the electronic document is a web page related to an on-line course; and
allowing the user to search the annotations of the plurality of users comprises allowing

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the user to search the annotations using a web browser.]

38. (cancelled) [The method defined in claim 33 wherein:

allowing a user to annotate an electronic document comprises allowing the user to enter the annotation in an annotation field simultaneously displayed with the electronic document; and

the annotations of the plurality of other users were entered by each user of the plurality of other users in an annotation field simultaneously displayed with a document.]

39. (cancelled) [A document annotation system comprising at least one computer and configured to:

allow a user to annotate an electronic document;

store the annotation; and

allow the user to search the annotations of a plurality of other users.]

40. (cancelled) [The system defined in claim 39 further configured to store the annotations on a server.]

41. (cancelled) [The system defined in claim 33 further configured to store the annotations on a computer at a user's location.]

42. (cancelled) [The system defined in claim 39 wherein:

the electronic document is a web page; and

the system is further configured to allow the user to search the annotations of the plurality of users using a web browser.]

43. (cancelled) [The system defined in claim 39 wherein:

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the electronic document is a web page related to an on-line course; and
the system is further configured to allow the user to search the annotations of the plurality of users using a web browser.]

44. (cancelled) [The system defined in claim 39 further configured to:

allow the user to enter the annotation in an annotation field simultaneously displayed with the electronic document; and

wherein the annotations of the plurality of other users were entered by each user of the plurality of other users in an annotation field simultaneously displayed with a document.]

45. (new) A document annotation system comprising:

a secure or non-secure web page comprising:

a. interactive learning programs;

b. an annotation field; and

c. users comprising one or more instructors and one or more students.

46. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said web page is an internet web page.

47. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said web page is an intranet web page.

48. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said annotation field is automatically displayed upon entry into said interactive learning program.

49. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said one or more instructors create said interactive learning programs.

50. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said one or more students participate in said

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interactive learning programs.

51. (new) The system of claim 50 wherein said one or more students utilize said annotation field to take notes during participation in said interactive learning programs.

52. (new) The system of claim 51 wherein said one or more students saves the notes to the web page.

53. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

54. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein all users can search all saved notes.

55. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein all instructors can search all saved notes.

56. (new) The system of claim 55 wherein improvements are made to the interactive learning program based on the instructors review of the notes.

57. (new) The system of claim 51 wherein said one or more students saves the notes simultaneously to his location and to the web page.

58. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

59. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein all users can search all saved notes on the web page.

60. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein all instructors can search all saved notes on the web page.

61. (new) The system of claim 60 wherein improvements are made to the interactive

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learning program based on the instructors review of the notes.

62. (new) A method for annotating documents accessed during an interactive learning program, the method comprising:

a. logging into a secure or non-secure web page comprising:

i. interactive learning programs; and

ii. an annotation field;

b. choosing one interactive learning program;

c. typing notes into the annotation field;

d. saving the notes.

63. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said web page is an internet web page.

64. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said web page is an intranet web page.

65. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said annotation field is automatically displayed upon entry into said interactive learning program.

66. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein the notes are saved to the web page.

67. (new) The method of claim 66 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

68. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein the notes are saved simultaneously to a user's location and to the web page.

69. (new) The method of claim 68 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

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CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

45. (new) A document annotation system comprising:

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- b) an annotation field; and
- c) users comprising one or more instructors and one or more students.

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47. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said web page is an intranet web page.

48. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said annotation field is automatically displayed upon entry into said interactive learning program.

49. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said one or more instructors create said interactive learning programs.

50. (new) The system of claim 45 wherein said one or more students participate in said interactive learning programs.

51. (new) The system of claim 50 wherein said one or more students utilize said annotation field to take notes during participation in said interactive learning programs.

52. (new) The system of claim 51 wherein said one or more students saves the notes to the web page.

53. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

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54. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein all users can search all saved notes.
55. (new) The system of claim 52 wherein all instructors can search all saved notes.
56. (new) The system of claim 55 wherein improvements are made to the interactive learning program based on the instructors review of the notes.
57. (new) The system of claim 51 wherein said one or more students saves the notes simultaneously to his location and to the web page.
58. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.
59. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein all users can search all saved notes on the web page.
60. (new) The system of claim 57 wherein all instructors can search all saved notes on the web page.
61. (new) The system of claim 60 wherein improvements are made to the interactive learning program based on the instructors review of the notes.
62. (new) A method for annotating documents accessed during an interactive learning program, the method comprising:
- a. logging into a secure or non-secure web page comprising:
 - i) interactive learning programs; and
 - ii) an annotation field;
 - b. choosing one interactive learning program;

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- c. typing notes into the annotation field;
- d. saving the notes.

63. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said web page is an internet web page.

64. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said web page is an intranet web page.

65. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein said annotation field is automatically displayed upon entry into said interactive learning program.

66. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein the notes are saved to the web page.

67. (new) The method of claim 66 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.

68. (new) The method of claim 62 wherein the notes are saved simultaneously to a user's location and to the web page.

69. (new) The method of claim 68 wherein the notes are saved to the web page independently of the interactive learning program.